

PASSING OF AMATEUR RULE BY TENNIS SOLONS MAY UNIFY LAW FOR ALL OTHER SPORTS

STERN BATTLING PROMISED OVER PROPOSED TENNIS AMATEUR RULE WHICH AFFECTS U. S. NO-PAY LAW

If New Tennis Amendments Are Not Passed, as Seems Likely, Golfers and Others May Have to Thresh Problems Over Again

OVER the Rockies they are coming—sunkissed delegates of Golden California, unspiced Pacific envoys to the annual meeting of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. In their belts are their "guns," fat verbal messages, full of the well-known pepper and minus the customary mince. When the bombardment is delivered the other delegates and representatives of the press will cheer loudly. After that the members of the executive committee of the U. S. L. T. A. will scramble from out their trenches over their battlements and go to a very lively clash with the enemy. The meeting is scheduled for February 3, in New York. It will mark the flag of the flag of the amateurism. It is expected that the flag will crack and whip in the breeze. This is the most important annual meeting that has ever been held by the national tennis body. The amateur question will be threshed out and for all. The result of the voting will affect not only the ruder athletes of the white flannels, but it will also sink its teeth with lasting effect into all other kinds of sports. It is of vital significance to the future of the recent golf amateur ruling.

Tennis Ruling Viciously Affects Golfers

IF THE tennis body votes in favor of the proposed tightening up of the amateur ruling then the golfers' ideas on the subject will have been backed up by one of the most powerful bodies faced by the amateur problem. The golfers may then feel that its recent decision is the sentiment of all American sportsmen and the main battle will have been won, namely the putting of the law across on the great public. If the law is set up by these two large bodies, future opposition will be dashed in vain against a Gibraltar-like precedent. But if the court delegates cast nothing but blackballs in the teeth of the proposed tennis changes and do not build up their amateur law with the clauses which ruled the golfers' decision, then golf lawmakers and players will hesitate. With the moral backing of an adverse tennis decision, outlaw lawmakers will take up the gauntlet with new courage and oppose the strict golf law down to the last word. With a body as large as the U. S. N. T. A. holding out against the strict definition of an amateur, which is now supported not only by the golfers, but the A. U. and the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletes of America, there is bound to be the greatest amount of dissatisfaction and an enthusiastic continuance in the exchange of words on the subject.

Court Athletes Sole Rebels Now

TENNIS is now the one big body that has not fallen into line. The amateur law will never attain full strength until there is a solid unit in favor of it. It now looks as though there is a rising chance for the defeat of the bill in the tennis consultation.

Along the length of the breaker-mashed stretches of the Pacific Coast, which for the last handful of years has dominated all the greatest sportsmen to the courts, there is a flat-footed refusal to countenance the new ruling. The Pacific States Lawn Tennis Association tossed on the four winds some months ago the first howl it will raise against the amendments. If the law is put into effect, it will prune from tennis ranks such stars as Maurice McLaughlin, Tom Bundy, William Johnston and other famous heroes of the lawn tennis world. The Pacific Coast develops one after the other comes who tear rampant through the best of the eastern talent. The Pacific order is rapidly becoming the backbone of the national body, so far as players are concerned, and its word is of more than ordinary weight.

Philadelphians Frown on the New Thought

HERE in Philadelphia the district association has voted down several of the new-born sections and will fight against them at the annual meeting, shoulder to shoulder with the westerners.

Added to this opposition, and that likely to develop among other candidates for seats in the deliberations of the national racquet moguls, is the stand of R. Norris Williams, national champion, who feels that all those now engaged in the "handling, buying and selling of tennis goods" should be given a clean bill of health, but that a ban should be placed on all those who hereafter enter the tennis business. In other words, McLaughlin and Company may play the game as amateurs, but any youngsters who hereafter go into the tennis business of selling supplies will be professionals, according to Williams' plan. This is a half-way measure which has received not a little indorsement, but which appeals to many others as a very milk-and-water way of tackling the amateur question.

Gibbons Says Amendments Are Harmful

IN REGARD to the whole situation Paul W. Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association, has this to say:

"After looking at the question from all sides and talking it over with scores of devotees of the game, I am convinced that the proposed amateur changes will work a great harm and stir up bitter feeling which may take years to eradicate. The harm which this may bring about is to my mind infinitely more to be avoided than the harm which may come to the sport if certain mythical abuses are permitted to creep in."

Gibbons would wait till these "mythical abuses" creep in and then throw them out, if necessary. He is in favor of an amateur law, without clauses of permission and abolition, to be framed in the following simple, silvery phrase: "An amateur is one who has not played or taught tennis for personal pecuniary emolument."

Law About Which They Clash

THE chief article of the proposed amendment to the tennis amateur law which will be contested follows, in part:

Section 6.—Any person engaged in the handling, buying or selling of tennis goods after April 1, 1918, shall, during the time he is so engaged, be ineligible to play in any match under the auspices of the U. S. N. T. A.

This article differs slightly from the golf law, inasmuch as players are given a year to get out from under and are only ineligible during the time in which they are engaged in the tennis traffic of supplies. But if tennis delegates vote down this rule, as seems likely, golfers and moguls in other sports must of necessity give heed and consider again the whole question, with the result, perhaps, that in the grand melee all the clauses will be thrown out of the window and players may kick out unrestricted once more their athletic heels. Which would be a comfort.

Penn Will Make Mistake if Dickson Is Allowed to Leave

THERE is a persistent rumor out at Franklin Field that Byron Dickson, former field coach and Bob Folwell's principal assistant on the gridiron last fall, will sign a contract to coach another college football team next fall. It is a well-known fact that three big universities are anxious to secure Dickson's services and attractive offers have been made. "By" has not yet affixed his signature to an alien contract, but if he does Penn will lose one of the best gridiron tutors she has had in years. Dickson had charge of the end men last fall, and their work stood out above the others on the line. He taught his men real football, and it was seldom that they were outplayed. Heinie Miller is one of his proteges, and is in a way, the best of the best in the business.

In a way, Dickson has been restricted at Penn. He never has been given a chance to show what he really could do with a football team. Instead of specializing on certain positions or carrying out the orders of the board of coaches, he should have been allowed to have a hand in directing the policies of the entire team. "By" is one of the best offensive coaches in the East. When he was at Bucknell he took mediocre material, and not much of that, and whipped it into a fast-playing team.

Dickson Taught Whirlwind Attack

HIS attack was of the whirlwind order and the larger elevens had to hustle to win games. Cornell one day had a hard time emerging with a victory by a slender margin and Princeton had a bad score on several occasions. Dickson knows modern football as well as the so-called topnotchers, and the aerial game is at his finger tips. There is no doubt that he is a valuable man at Penn, and the University will make a grave mistake if he is allowed to sign with another college.

How Darcy Finished George Chip

LES DARCY is a popular person, or was a popular person, in Australia some months ago when he flattened George Chip in a thrilling battle at Sydney. The middleweight champion put George to sleep in the ninth round, and, judging from reports, made as much of a hit as the Kaiser does in Berlin. Glowing accounts in the newspapers refer to him as the greatest guy in the world and monarch of all he surveys. They treat a boxing bout differently in Australia, as can be seen in the following stinging account from the Sydney Sportsman:

"Round Nine—Chip made futile swings and fell into holds and then Darcy walked after him, driving terrible lefts to the face, and when Chip got hold, he bagged a short, jolting right and left. George had begun in the previous round to get up a guard for that terrible right to the jaw from close quarters, and this left him with but one effective hand. Darcy nearly broke his neck on, he suffered terribly, but would not yield. Every time Les got his right hand free he uprooted George to the face. Chip swung out of a clinch. Darcy landed a short right jolt with terrific force to the point, and Chip fell heavily, his head striking the canvas and, lay insensible till counted out. Darcy was the first to pick him up. The crowd round the ring was indescribable. It was a splendid victory over a brave man."

Joe Tinker Retains Poet's Interest

PHOENIX, Ill., Jan. 22.—Joe Tinker, one of the greatest players in the history of the National League, will retain a half interest in the team for the first time in six weeks, but it is evident it will be some time before he gets back into action.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?

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STEELE LEADS IN EASTERN SCORING

Camden Player Tops List for Second Series With 17 Field Goals

FOGARTY FOUL-SHOT STAR

EASTERN LEAGUE STANDING table with columns for Player, W, L, P, C, and Goals.

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK table listing dates and opponents.

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES table listing player names and statistics.

Scraps About Scrappers

Boxers nowadays who leap into unexpected prominence are attracted by the footlights, and as soon as a gladiator wins a championship or places himself into the spotlight by pulling a surprise, his next move is to do some of the "twice a day" stuff. Willie Jackson is no different from others. His recent knockout over Johnny Dundee upset New York fans even more than the local followers of the game. Holby Morton signed Jackson to appear at every performance of the "True" next week in a sparring bout. Jackson also is dicker for an eight-week engagement on the stage in New York, during which time he also will appear in two ring bouts. Gene Delmonico, who boxed George Chancy in Baltimore next Monday night, probably will be Willie's vicarious at Windsor, Can. Jackson's next bout is billed for this city. Jackson is to box Fred White in New York, but the champion is taking the count from grip. They may box February 13.

Dillon vs. Levinsky Again; This Time for 20 Rounds

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 22.—Jack Dillon, of Indianapolis, Grange Bill Bank, of Memphis, has agreed to a second battle with Levinsky at the Louisiana Auditorium on February 7. The match was made via the long-distance telephone, and Dillon and Levinsky will arrive here a week before the fight.

FRAT IS REFUSED BY LABOR UNION

American Federation Turns Down Dave Fultz for Players' Membership

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—The American Federation of Labor has turned down Dave Fultz and the baseball fraternity.

SCHOOLBOYS FAIL TO SHOW STRENGTH

Lewis Is Not Impressed by Teamwork in Northeast-W. P. H. S. Contest

STURGIS IS HIGH SCORER

TODAY'S SCHOLASTIC GAMES table listing school names and scores.

McIntosh Plays Well

McIntosh, of the West Philadelphia High School, played a very good game yesterday afternoon. Although Northeast reserves won from the West Phillies, 16 to 11, the work of McIntosh was a feature. He scored 7 out of 10 foul goals, a very good average indeed. Perhaps it would be well for Coach Herbert Hughes to shift this youth to the first squad for his full-goal scoring ability. He is also a very good forward.

Deaver, Episcopal Star

John B. Deaver, Jr., son of the noted surgeon of this city, was one of the stars of the Episcopal Academy Six-Team football team in the courtyard of the school yesterday afternoon by a score of 23 points to 2. Deaver scored six of the points for his team.

Mitchell Postpones Kibane Bout

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 22.—Instead of making his second fight with his brother, Mitchell, who is training with him at Chicago, Ill., who had arranged a bout between him and Johnny Kibane, January 30, for the fourth championship, the fight will be postponed at least a week.

Jasper Loses Again

Jasper journeyed to Trenton last night and fell a victim to the Pottery by the score of 25-23. The game was a good clean one until the closing five minutes, when Jasper claims "I tried to hit Sedran. He looked what they called a "love tap," and from then on till the finish play was rough and ended in a free-for-all.

Girard and Simpson Win

Girard and Simpson won exciting games in the American League. The former won from Xavier 21-19 and the latter defeated St. Columbia 24-23. It was necessary to play an extra period in the Girard-Kavler game as the Agates were tie at 23 at the end of the regular period.

George Whitted

He is the second Philly star who says he will strike if Dave Fultz were to say the word. Dolly Parkert has the same intentions.

LEONARD WALLOPS EDDIE WALLACE, BUT FAILS TO STOP GAME BROOKLYN BOY IN BOUT AT THE OLYMPIA A. A.

Benny Has Opponent in Bad Shape on Several Occasions, But Cannot Land Deciding Punch. First Battle Since Hand Was Injured

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

"WELL," said the gentleman who sat behind me at the Olympia Athletic Association last night as he straightened up in his seat and proceeded to read a newspaper, "we are about to take a look at a bunk of bunk. 'Th' works is in an 'fite ain't goin' to be nothin' but a awful row. 'Yess, these here guys ain't goin' to do nothin' but stall, because they's a return date on 'th' books for nex' Thursday, 'fite. I'm wise to all 'th' dope, I am, an' I take it from me, there ain't goin' to be nothin' but a brother an' a brother. You like that, an' I ain't goin' to fail for it. I'd leave right now, but it's warmer here than on 'th' street."

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Eddie wouldn't dive. But for some grand old fellow by the way-side. The referee's stuff was all wrong. Benny Leonard, who has played nurse to numerous lightweight hopes by putting them to sleep in our city, played the referee in the Wallace and Leonard fight. Eddie Wallace, of Brooklyn, did not dive to the mat because Eddie was not there for diving purposes. For five rounds—five rounds—the referee stopped the contest. Leonard an' Wallace is tryin' hard to join 'th' actors' union. They ought to put on 'th' act in some the-ater where they has props and everything. 'Wake me up when the fite is over."

On Verge of K. O. In the third, Eddie was on the verge of a knockout, but just managed to weather the storm. He was leaning around the ring, lying helpless against the ropes, his head on the floor and his arms outstretched from the nose at the end of the chapter.

Good Sportsman It was a pretty piece of sportsmanship and Leonard should be commended for his action. It proves that he is a square boxer, out to win as soon as he can, but never takes an unfair advantage of a helpless opponent. There are few boxers like that today who would have done the same thing. Leonard made a wonderful showing and surprised the huge gathering. Wallace has been in the ring for a few months and has had an injured left hand, and last night was the first time he had done any real boxing in five weeks. He did not favor a draw, and Mike Daily won from George Blackburn.

Country Could Profit Muchly by Taking Lessons in Football Training, Says Philosopher Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE

The Way of the Winning Tribe You know, of course, how honor comes—How glory lasts, for truth or vain; And not by sudden strokes of fate, Nor yet by sudden strokes of fate. Of taking credit and being weak, Not reaching soft contentment that Must turn all fiber to a week.

For honor comes and glory lasts—Through service to the vital cause—Through service—as it builds men—It also begets all other laws; Through harder training for the test. As any man, or nation, should, With soul and body, mind and hand, And give it for the common good.

The goal waits—not so far away—For those who pay the price of win, Who front their souls into the fray And stick, until the score is in—For those who fear to meet the bill Where service, pain and life are one, The end of a long and hard day from Nierech to Babylon.

About Training THESE genial United States offer their share of queer and quaint shifts. There isn't a country in the world where its individual athletes go in for harder, better training.

Baseball squads go through the hardest possible grind. Baseball camps are pitched from five to six weeks in advance of a six months' tour. Training is the watchword.

And yet with the nation at large fat and out of condition and the possibility of vast competitors about the idea of training a football team or a baseball squad that wasn't handled any more efficiently than Congress handled the August would be lucky to finish the season, much less around the top.

Ring Lyric Darcy had a chance to meet A broke named Mike on the beat; But Darcy looked at Al McCoy And softly murmured, "Attaboy."

Why not the government ownership of baseball clubs? But with this system in mind, the last ten years, Cincinnati and St. Louis would have secured long ago.

Even money on this prediction—that by the fourth of August there will be at least eight major league cities curiously because the strike didn't go through and stick.

One of the advertising golfers had just completed his round at Pinehurst. "How did you make out?" a friend asked. "Rotten" was the expected reply. "Well, cheer up," said the other. "You know there are 148 traps on this course. 'One hundred and forty-eight' the golfer replied. "Hi—I, I counted 172 that I got in, and I remember one constantly I missed by slicing beyond it into the woods."

Kipling Revised With everything put into place; When the final war has been ended; And progress has come to each race; We shall rest—and, faith, we shall need it. But just as our sleep seems sure, We shall start the old racket all over With "What is an athlete?"

OOLONG II. "Keep your head up," yells the baseball coach. "Keep your head down," says the golf instructor. Isn't there some way around it?

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Darcy-Dillon Bout May Reopen Garden March 5 NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—Grant High Brown has announced that he has completed a deal by the terms of which he and his associates have acquired a lease of Madison Square Garden, covering a year from March 1, with the option of renewal. Brown has a partner, a fellow named Fred Lavin, five substitutes, Clarke, Ivory, Marsh, Parke and Williams, and Manager McCall and Manager Melvin J. Prokter, the garden's manager of athletics, made the journey.

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